

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image sending method comprising the steps of:

selecting and setting a sending mode for sending image data from plural types of sending modes, wherein the sending mode for sending image data is selected and set from the plural types of sending modes based on sending destination information which is inputted or selected by a user, the plural types of sending modes respectively relating to different transmission protocols;

selecting and setting an index of an image quality for the image data to be sent from plural indices of the image quality common to the plural types of sending modes;

setting a resolution corresponding to the selected index of the image quality and the selected sending mode; and

sending the image data of the selected resolution by the selected sending mode, wherein the resolution corresponding to the index of the image quality and the sending mode differs from one sending mode to another and differs from one index of the image quality to another in each of the plural types of sending modes, and

upper limits of resolutions corresponding to the plural types of sending modes vary from one sending mode to another.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The image sending method set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the resolution corresponding to the selected index of the image quality is set by referring to a resolution setting table which indicates correspondence between (i) the index which is a single or plural indices of the image quality common to the plural types of sending modes and (ii) a range of applicable resolutions of each sending mode.

Claim 3 (original): The image sending method set forth in claim 2, wherein:

the image quality of the image data to be sent is set according to the index which is selected by a user from a plurality of displayed indices.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The image sending method set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the image data is processed to match the set resolution.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The image sending method set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the image data is created by reading an image, so as to match the set resolution.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An image sending device comprising:
input means for enabling a user to input or select sending destination information;
sending mode setting means for selecting and setting a sending mode for sending image data from plural types of sending modes, wherein said sending mode setting means selects and sets the sending mode based on the sending destination information inputted or selected through the input means, the plural types of sending modes respectively relating to different transmission protocols;

image quality setting means for selecting and setting an index of an image quality for the image data to be sent from plural indices of the image quality common to the plural types of sending modes; and

resolution setting means for setting a resolution corresponding to the index of the image quality set by said image quality setting means and the sending mode set by said sending mode setting means,

wherein the resolution corresponding to the index of the image quality and the sending mode differs from one sending mode to another and differs from one index of the image quality to another in each of the plural types of sending modes, and

upper limits of resolutions corresponding to the plural types of sending modes vary from one sending mode to another.

Claim 8 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 7 wherein:

said resolution setting means refers to a resolution setting table which stores a range of applicable resolutions of each sending mode, with a corresponding index which is a single or plural indices of the image quality common to the plural types of sending modes.

Claim 9 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

display means for displaying the plural indices; and

input means for enabling a user to input one of the plural indices, wherein:

said image quality setting means sets the image quality according to the index which is inputted by the input means.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

image data processing means for processing the image data based on the resolution set by said resolution setting means, into a form suitable for the sending mode set by said sending mode setting means.

Claim 12 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

image reading means for reading an image based on the resolution set by the resolution setting means, so as to create image data.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An image sending device comprising:

a sending destination input section for enabling a user to input or select sending destination information;

a sending route setting section for selecting and setting an image sending route from plural image sending routes, wherein said sending route setting section selects and sets the image sending route from the plural image sending routes based on the sending destination information inputted or selected through the sending destination input section;

an image quality setting section for selecting and setting an index of an image quality of a sending image from plural indices of the image quality common to the plural image sending routes;

a processing contents setting section for setting processing contents which corresponds to the image sending route set by said sending route setting section and the index of the image quality set by said image quality setting section, where the processing contents corresponding to the index of the image quality and the sending route differ from one image sending route to another and differ from one index of the image quality to another in each of the plural image sending routes, and upper limits of processing contents corresponding to the plural image sending routes vary from one image sending route to another;

an image processing section for processing the image to create the sending image based on the processing contents set by said processing contents setting section; and

an image sending section for sending the sending image via the image sending route set by said sending route setting section.

Claim 14 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 13, wherein: the image quality set by said image quality setting section is commonly used for the plural image sending routes.

Claim 15 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 14, further comprising:

a storage section for storing a processing contents setting table which stores processing contents corresponding to each of the plural image sending routes and the image quality.

Claim 16 (original): The image sending device set forth in claim 15, further comprising:

a display section for displaying the image quality which exists as plural image qualities;
and

an input section for enabling a user to input one of the plural image qualities, wherein:
said image quality setting section selects and sets the image quality inputted through the input section.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): The image sending method set forth in claim 1, wherein the plural types of sending modes include at least one of a facsimile mode, a scan to email mode, and a scan to FTP mode.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The image sending device set forth in claim 7, wherein the plural types of sending modes include at least one of a facsimile mode, a scan to email mode, and a scan to FTP mode.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The image sending device set forth in claim 13, wherein the plural image sending routes include at least one of a telephone line, the Internet, an intranet, an extranet, CON, COM, LAN, ISDN, VAN, CATV, VPN, a telephone line network, a mobile network, and a satellite network.